

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Since one dependent claim is added with this Amendment, an additional fee of \$50.00 is due. A check for this amount is enclosed.

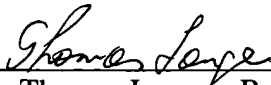
New claim 45 corresponds to subject matter presented in claim 6. Upon review of the allowed claims, a determination was made that claim 6 need not be dependent on claim 1 via intervening claim 2. In order to provide applicant with proper protection of the invention, subject matter of claim 6 should depend directly on claim 1. Accordingly, claim 45 is directly dependent on claim 1 and recites subject matter from claim 6.

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. This is because the Amendment does not present an unpatentable claim, require a new search or raise a new issue. The content of dependent claim 45 is in no way problematic, and it certainly has no adverse effect on the allowability of the remaining pending claims.

Under such circumstances, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment.

It is believed that no fees or charges other than as mentioned above are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any other fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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